

WATERSIDE ARCHERS



MEMBERS HANDBOOK

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1. Welcome to Waterside Archers

The club was formed in 1981 and currently has a membership of around 70 archers. All bow types are welcome, although the majority of members choose to shoot either the recurve bow or the English long bow.

As well as a National Record status shoot, we also provide a full calendar of club competitions, fun shoots and social activities, details of which are posted on the club notice board inside the equipment container at Exbury. You can also keep up-to-date by logging on to the club website at:

www.watersidearchers.com

The Summer Season's shooting is held on the Exbury field at the following times:

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| Sunday | 1000hrs onwards. |
| Monday | 1830hrs until dusk |
| Wednesday | 1830hrs until dusk |
| Thursday | 1830hrs until dusk |

The Winter Season includes shooting at Exbury, Hounslow School and Gang Warily sports centre at the following times:

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| Wednesday evenings | Hounslow School | 6.30 pm till 8.30 pm |
| Friday evenings | Gang Warily | 7.00pm till 9.00pm |
| Sunday mornings | Alternating between Gang Warily and Exbury | 10 am till 12.00 noon. |

2. Club Committee

Waterside Archers has a committee of volunteers who help ensure the smooth running of the club behind the scenes. Committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Committee members meet approximately once a month and are happy to put forward any ideas or concerns that members may have.

An Annual General Meeting is held in March.

A list of committee members can be found in the equipment container.

3. Club Rules

Rules for 'Anytime' Shooting:

A minimum number of two senior members to be present at all times. Only members of Waterside Archers are allowed to participate in 'Anytime Shooting'.

All members must carry WA membership cards whenever they are shooting. Exbury employees, agents, and/or contractors have the right to challenge anyone on the Estate.

- Keys to the storage containers are not transferable.
- Key holders are not to lend out keys.
- GNAS rules of shooting to apply at all times.
- 'Anytime Shooting' to be limited to a maximum of 5 hours per session.
- Any reports of misuse or breaches of the rules will be investigated by two or more members of the committee.
- On Sunday mornings members may continue shooting during the afternoon until 1700hrs.
- Recognised official shooting days are Sunday mornings 1000hrs to 1300hrs, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings 1830hrs until dusk.

Penalties for abuse or breach of rules:-

Anyone found shooting on their own, at anytime will have their WA membership terminated.

Breaches of other rules will be discussed in committee, who will rule on severity and subsequent penalty.

Committee may ask the individual to appear, and will decide if there are any grounds for appeal.

Appeals will be heard within one month of the committee decision.

If WA membership is terminated any fee paid to the club is non refundable.

5. Designated Areas and Procedures

Field Captain: The range leader with overall responsibility for the shoot. All instructions to be auctioned immediately.

Shooting Range: Hazardous area that must only be entered with permission from the Field Captain.

Shooting Line: Line on which the Archer stands to shoot at the target.

Waiting Line: Line 5 yards behind the Shooting Line.

Waiting Area: Area behind the Waiting Line where the Archer remains until summoned.

Commands

Come Down: Slowly relax the bow string tension without letting go of the string, until the bow is at rest.

Fast: Immediately stop whatever you are doing and 'Come Down'. Remove the arrow from the bowstring and replace it in the quiver. Wait for the next instruction.

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| Whistle Blasts: | 1 Blast | Start shooting |
| | 2 Blasts | Collect arrows |
| | Series of Blasts | Fast |

(Verbal commands may be used as an alternative to the whistle.)

Points to note

- Wait for the command to approach the Shooting Line before commencing to shoot.
- Only draw the bow whilst on the shooting line.
- Always keep arrows pointed at the target.
- Keep quiet behind the line and on the line.
- Never 'Dry Shoot' a bow, it will damage the bow.
- Loose clothing and long hair must be secured.
- Long earrings and jewellery should be removed.

4. Shooting Etiquette

Etiquette is purely a matter of good manners and behaviour towards fellow archers. Various observances are considered good etiquette and should be actively followed and encouraged by all.

For example:

- Always wear the correct clothing for the competition or tournament.
- Not touching another archer's equipment without permission.
- If an archer damages another's equipment, then that archer should offer to pay for it.
- Never draw or pick up another's arrows unless asked to do so.
- Call scores in groups of three, i.e. 8-7-7 pause 7-7-6.
- Wait until the scores have been recorded before going behind the target to look for arrows.
- Not disturbing in any way archers on the line.
- Do not enter or leave the line whilst adjacent archers are at full draw.
- Do not walk up and down the line comparing scores.
- Do thank the Target Captain for keeping a check on the scores and all target companions for a pleasant day's shoot.

Outdoor Imperial Rounds

Outdoor Rounds 5 zone scoring

| Round | 122cm Face All distances in Yards | | | | | | | | Max score |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----------|
| | 100 | 80 | 60 | 50 | 40 | 30 | 20 | 10 | |
| York | 6 | 4 | 2 | | | | | | 1296 |
| Bristol I | | 6 | 4 | 2 | | | | | 1296 |
| Bristol II | | | 6 | 4 | 2 | | | | 1296 |
| Bristol III | | | | 6 | 4 | 2 | | | 1296 |
| Bristol IV | | | | | 6 | 4 | 2 | | 1296 |
| Bristol V | | | | | | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1296 |
| St George | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | 972 |
| Albion | | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | 972 |
| Windsor | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | 972 |
| Short Windsor | | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | 972 |
| Junior Windsor | | | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 972 |
| New Western | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | 864 |
| Long Western | | 4 | 4 | | | | | | 864 |
| Western | | | 4 | 4 | | | | | 864 |
| Short Western | | | | 4 | 4 | | | | 864 |
| Junior Western | | | | | 4 | 4 | | | 864 |
| Short Junior | | | | | | 4 | 4 | | 864 |
| American | | | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | | | | 810 |
| St Nicholas | | | | | 4 | 3 | | | 756 |
| New National | 4 | 2 | | | | | | | 648 |
| Long National | | 4 | 2 | | | | | | 648 |
| National | | | 4 | 2 | | | | | 648 |
| Short National | | | | 4 | 2 | | | | 648 |
| Junior National | | | | | 4 | 2 | | | 648 |
| Short Junior | | | | | | 4 | 2 | | 648 |
| New Warwick | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | 432 |
| Long Warwick | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 432 |
| Warwick | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | 432 |
| Short Warwick | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 432 |
| Junior Warwick | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | 432 |
| Short Junior | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | 432 |

6. Governing Bodies & Societies



Grand National Archery Society (GNAS)

The GNAS is affiliated to the International Archery Federation (FIT A) and is a member of the British Olympic Association, Together with the UK Sports Council they ensure that British Archery is represented in the Olympic Games, World and European Championships and other international events.

The GNAS is also responsible for its own National Tournaments, usually organised and hosted by leading Archery clubs or groups.

GNAS membership is included in all archers club membership as this provides the insurance required whilst shooting. For more information on GNAS then please contact the WA club Secretary or more details can be found on the internet at the following web address:-

www.gnas.org



Federation Internationale de Tir a l' Arc (FITA)

The FITA is the international governing body of archery. Founded in 1931, the FITA serves to promote and regulate archery worldwide through its more than 130 member associations.

Due to the limited number of FIT A shoots available in this area the committee does not recommend membership of FITA for most of its members, however if you are still interested, more details on the FITA can be found on the internet at the following web address:-

www.archery.org



The British Long-Bow Society (BL-BS)

The BL-BS was formed in 1951, when the Longbow was fast disappearing from the shooting line. The BL-BS perpetuates the use of the traditional recreational Longbow for two-way Target and Clout shooting, by arranging Bow meetings for its members throughout Britain. The BL-BS also endorses a Craft Guild of Traditional Bowyers and Fletchers who make equipment to the society's criteria. It assists a number of clubs and organisations who use the recreational Longbow, and many who organise their own traditional bow meetings to the Society's Rules of Shooting.

The aims of the society are as follows:-

To safeguard and perpetuate the traditions of the English recreational Longbow.

To provide opportunities for members to shoot in the old two-way style, at English Target and Clout rounds in a pleasant and relaxed manner, for the Society's Awards and Medals.

To encourage the craft and traditional skills associated with the traditional Bowery and fletching.

Interested in becoming a member of BL-BS more details can be found on the internet at the following web address:

www.askarts.co.uk/longbow.html



The National Field Archery Society (NFAS)

The NFAS was formed in 1972 to foster and support Field archery in Britain. The NFAS is not interested in international competition. The NFAS shoots involve shooting at inanimate objects of various sizes set in woodland at unmarked distances. If you are interested in field archery, more information can be found on the internet at the following web address: -

www.nfas.net